

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WEBER RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
JANUARY 31, 2019, 1:00 P.M.
LAYTON, UTAH**

The annual meeting of the Weber River Distribution System convened at Weber Basin Water Conservancy District headquarters, 2837 East Highway 193, Layton, Utah, at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 31, 2019.

Present:

Ben Anderson, State Division of Water Rights
Mike Drake, State Division of Water Rights
Jared Manning, State Division of Water Rights

Cole Panter, Weber River Distribution System

Connely Baldwin, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Jay Christensen, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Darren Hess, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Larry McFarland, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Stephen Osguthorpe, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Scott Paxman, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Kent Peterson, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Rick Smith, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Dee Waldron, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Sherrie Mobley, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Robert Whiteley, Weber River Water Rights Committee
Dennis Wright, Weber River Water Rights Committee

Jeff Budge, Provo River Water Users Association
Rich Hansen, Division of Wildlife

**I
WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Osguthorpe. He then welcomed guests from the Division of Water Rights, Provo River Water Users Association, and Division of Wildlife.

**II
HEARING THE 2018 MINUTES**

The minutes of January 17, 2018 were read by Sherrie Mobley. There were no additions or corrections. Motion was made by Robert Whiteley, seconded by Dennis Wright and passed unanimously, approving minutes of the annual meeting of the Weber River Distribution System held January 17, 2018 as presented.

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**III
HEARING THE 2018 COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

Chairman Osguthorpe requested Commissioner Panter present the annual commissioner's report. Commissioner Panter began by distributing copies of the 2018 Weber River Distribution System Annual Report.

Commissioner Panter reported the 2018 irrigation year began with an ample amount of reservoir storage in October of 2017; however, the snowpack and precipitation for the 2018 water year did not provide anywhere near the average for the basin. Reservoirs were depleted throughout the season to supplement the little natural flow that occurred. Beginning on April 1, 2018, observed snow water equivalent (SWE) for the Weber and Ogden River basin was at 60% of median. The total precipitation observed for the 2018 water year ended at 60% of median, which ranks last in total precipitation for the past 40 years that were observed.

Commissioner Panter reviewed the annual report in detail. He also answered many questions from the committee members. Commissioner Panter expressed his appreciation to the staff at Division of Water Rights for their assistance. Jared Manning commended Commissioner Panter for the timely completion of the annual report.

Motion was made by Dee Waldron, seconded by Connely Baldwin and passed unanimously, accepting the 2018 Commissioner's Report as presented.

**IV
RECOMMENDING A WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THE NEXT TERM**

Chairman Osguthorpe reported the next item of business is to recommend a water commissioner for the next term.

Motion was made by Dennis Wright, seconded by Dee Waldron and passed unanimously, reappointing Cole Panter as the Weber River Commissioner for the next four years.

Chairman Osguthorpe stated Commissioner Panter has done a great job. The other committee members agreed and expressed their appreciation to him.

**V
REPORT FROM THE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

Ben Anderson reported the latest snotel is about 100% for the Weber River. We are hopeful that percentage increases with other storms. He said 2018 was a record dry year, so we are hopeful this year is much better.

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Jared Manning reported there are about a dozen numbered bills to be considered by the legislature. He then briefly discussed the bills. Jared then answered questions from the committee.

**VI
HEARING THE 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Jared Manning presented the 2018 financial report and discussed it in detail. They then answered all questions from the committee members.

Motion was made by Dennis Wright, seconded by Darren Hess and passed unanimously, accepting the 2018 financial report as presented.

**VII
REVIEWING DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT ACCOUNTS**

Ben Anderson reviewed the delinquent accounts. He said a couple of the assessments are expected to be paid soon and one has already been paid since this list was printed. Discussion continued.

**VIII
PREPARING A BUDGET OF SALARIES
AND OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES**

Chairman Osguthorpe asked Sherrie Mobley to present the Proposed Budget for 2019. Sherrie explained the proposed budget for 2019 includes the following:

1. \$37,580 for Gaging Stations
2. A 2.5% COLA for the commissioner and deputies
3. A 1.5% merit increase for the commissioner and deputies
4. Increase auto expense from \$0.545 to \$0.58 per mile

In addition to the budget items above, she said the committee budget stayed the same as last year at \$23,300. After discussion ceased, motion was made by Dennis Marchant, seconded by Scott Paxman and passed unanimously, accepting the \$267,975.10 budget for 2019 as presented.

**IX
SETTING THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ASSESSMENT**

Discussion ensued regarding assessing less than the budget total since the system fund balance had increased over the last several years. When discussion ceased, motion was made by Scott

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Paxman, seconded by Robert Whiteley and passed unanimously, setting the distribution system assessment at \$252,603 which is less than the total budget.

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**SELECTING NEW DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM CHAIRMAN
AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS IF NECESSARY**

Chairman Osguthorpe reported at an earlier meeting, all committee members whose terms expired in 2019 were appointed to another three-year term. He said Darren Hess was also approved to fill the unexpired term of Mark Anderson. He said the 2019 officers are Stephen Osguthorpe – Chairman, Theo Cox – Vice Chairman, and Sherrie Mobley – Secretary. The executive committee includes all members of the committee.

XI

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

/s/ Sherrie Mobley, Secretary

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